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A condolence message on the demise of Bishop Nibaron Das, Bangladesh

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

Thessalonians 4:13-14

Dear bereaved family and the Bangladesh Methodist Church,

It is with great sadness that we have received the news of the passing away of Bishop Nibaron Das, chairman of Bangladesh Methodist Church, who passed away on 23 November 2018.

Born in 1950, Bishop Das was one of the noted church leaders of Bangladesh. He established and served the Bangladesh Methodist Church since 1984, after completing his theological studies at the Asia Theological Seminary. Among other ecumenical engagements, Bishop Das served the National Council of Churches in Bangladesh as a vice president. He also started the International Leadership Institute (ILI) in Bangladesh and was associated with HEED Bangladesh – one of the largest development organisations in the country, the Inter Church Fellowship, Pastor Act Together (PAT), Bangladesh Bible Society, Asian Methodist Council and many other social and religious organizations in Bangladesh. His contributions and ecumenical leadership will be greatly missed!

We understand that his burial service was held on the 25 November at the Methodist Theological Seminary at Kamalapur, Savar, Dhaka. We remember his bereaved family, his church members and his associates in our prayers. We particularly pray for his son Gerald Ripon Das who continues to serve the Methodist church as a minister.

I take this opportunity to convey our sincere condolences to the members of the bereaved family and the Bangladesh Methodist Church.

May his soul rest in peace.

Yours in Christ,

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